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1. TITLE  Pioneer	2. CONTROL NUMBER  86-X-4-4 #10 34W
3. PERIOD COVERED	4. REPORTING OFFICE  Seattle

SYNOPSIS:

Observations on 8/27/86

Reference is made to ROI's 86-X-4-4 #1 and #2 reporting possible violations of the Clean Water Act by Pioneer Construction Materials Co. through discharges of wastewater into the Duwamish River in an area designated as slip #2.

On 8/27/86 at about 5:05 PM S/A's Mann and Hattwig were conducting a surveillance from across 1st Ave. South between the area of Pioneer Construction Materials and a building to the south of it. Looking to the west, 7 cement trucks were visible at the cement truck wash area being washed. Also visible was a hose at the western part of the truck washing area and it was discharging a liquid substance. Wetness was visible all down the bulkhead and the water was running into the water of the Duwamish at Slip #2. There was an individual shoveling material over the bulkhead into Slip #2. He shoveled material over the side. The man that was shoveling was described as a black male with a beard, wearing a blue hat and blue coveralls. At 5:13 PM the individual ceased shoveling after 35 shovels over the side. A liquid substance continued running from the point source located toward the western part closest to the office facility of the truck wash area.

At 5:20 PM the S/A's observed a discharge from a pipe which is located directly under the area where the cement blocks are poured; which is at the eastern part of Slip #2 on the north side.

Surveillance was interrupted temporarily at 5:20 PM.

At 5:35 PM the S/A's continued surveillance from across the street in the public parking area across from the cement plant. The large water tank was just overflowing. It was overflowing at both sides at that time. Two individuals were now cleaning out the channel that runs parallel to the cement wall which extends up from the bulkhead and throwing shovels of material over the side as described earlier. A second individual, a white male, joined the black male described above and engaged in the shoveling over the side. This second male was wearing a green hardhat, sleeveless green shirt, with dark blond hair, with a mustache and glasses. Approximately another 12 shovels of material were observed being thrown over the side at that point. At 5:40 PM the water tank began overflowing again - a large plume was cascading over the side of the tank. The shoveling operation was still going on at this time. There was a

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steady traffic of cement trucks pulling up to the wash and emptying their tanks. The previously described black male with the overalls had a name written on the left side of his coveralls in red. However, the name was not readable from the point of surveillance. At 5:44 PM, the shoveling operation at the trench appeared to be moving along from the east to the west and the workmen were shoveling the debris over the cement wall into slip #2 of the Duwamish. From their vantage point S/A's were unable to determine whether the debris was entering the water or merely the tide area (it would depend on how high the tide was at this time). At 5:52 PM the shoveling operation over the side continued. Cement trucks were still pulling in and being washed. At 6:07 PM the shoveling operation continued and S/A Mann, with the aid of binoculars, observed material entering the water. S/A Hattwig observed on prior surveillances, by kayak, to the shoreline of the Pioneer facility that inevitably the material which did not hit the water will be washed into the river at the next high tide.

At approximately 6:10 PM the surveillance was discontinued. At that time the hose to the west of the water tower was still discharging, material was still being shoveled into the Duwamish and the pipe below the cement block area was still discharging liquid.